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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUIGLEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 19, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE QUIGLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our protector against all evil, our defender from all harm, we pause this day to pray on behalf of the men and women in blue who strive daily to protect and serve their communities, our country, and this Chamber.

Speak to each who serve within our police forces and take to the streets, man security posts, and patrol our cities all to ensure our safety.

Set Your shield of strength around them and remind them to be strong and courageous. Send Your spirit into the fray, that fear and discouragement would have no foothold in their decisionmaking.

Go with them wherever they go—be their guard and guide in the frenzy and uncertainty of each situation. Let their minds be in You, even as You abide with them.

Then remind us of the personal cost these men, women, and their families pay: the long hours of training and watch standing, which take them away from their loved ones, the countless missions and hazard-rich environments

which threaten to place these officers in significant danger.

Help us never to take for granted the sacrifices each are called to make on behalf of each citizen of these United States. May we be ever vigilant to the role we play to ensure their bravery does not go unnoticed and their service is not in vain.

In the ultimate protection of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KELLER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY MAE KORNEGAY

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to a great American, Miss Ruby Mae Kornegay, a Kinston, North Carolina,

resident, who on May 3 turned 106 years old.

Born in 1916, Miss Kornegay has been a blessing to her friends, church, and community. She continues to live in the same house in which she was born, the same house owned by her parents.

Mr. Speaker, Ruby Kornegay graduated from Adkin High School during the Great Depression and then graduated from Winston-Salem Teachers College. Thereupon, she returned to her beloved Kinston and became a classroom teacher for 40 long years.

Now retired, Miss Kornegay enjoys time with her family and friends. She is a lifelong member of White Rock Presbyterian Church where her pastor, Reverend H. Maurice Barnes, also serves as my district outreach staffer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing this great American, Miss Ruby Mae Kornegay.

CONGRATULATING ALTOONA AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY ON CELEBRATING THEIR 95TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Altoona Area Public Library on celebrating their 95th anniversary this month.

For nearly 100 years, the Altoona Area Public Library has been a valuable resource and learning center for children and families in our community.

As a child, I spent many days at this library with my mother and siblings, participating in summer reading programs that inspired a lifelong yearning for learning.

From offering books and reading programs for young children, to their work to provide internet access and

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adult education, libraries play a critical role in our development and success of people throughout our district.

During my time in Congress, I have been able to visit over 40 libraries in my district. The work that they do is essential. I am proud to support their continued success.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week. We first acknowledge those law enforcement officers across our Nation who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Officers like Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who died in defense of the Capitol complex and protecting those of us in these great Halls.

I salute the officers of my home, the Virgin Islands Police Department. Of course, I pay tribute to my father, LeRoy Alphonso Plaskett, a retired New York City police officer. My father loved to hear young children call him Mr. Police Officer, and my grandfather, Clifford Dean Plaskett, a former deputy police commissioner of the United States Virgin Islands.

Madam Speaker, good police officers dedicate their lives to those they serve, their families, and the community every day. I thank each of them for their dedication and service.

ENERGY PRICES SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, in March, the Biden administration announced the release of 1 million barrels of oil per day for our strategic petroleum reserve in response to energy prices spiraling out of control.

The strategic petroleum reserve is supposed to be for natural disasters and emergencies, not for cleaning up President Biden's policy failures. What do we have to show for this administration's incompetence: the highest gas prices on record and the lowest levels of crude oil in our strategic stockpile in 35 years.

President Biden and Washington Democrats aren't fooling anyone. Instead of working to alleviate Americans' pain at the pump, the Biden administration is intentionally suffocating domestic oil and gas production in hopes to replace fossil fuels with a socialist Green New Deal agenda.

Americans are now spending an estimated \$5,000 a year on gas, up from \$2,800 a year ago. That is a huge burden for millions of American families also paying more for just about everything they purchase.

Madam Speaker, the last year and a half have made clear, Americans can-

not afford President Biden's socialist agenda.

UKRAINE IS KNOWN AS THE BREADBASKET OF EUROPE

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, Ukraine is known as the breadbasket of Europe. It plays a vital role in the food supply as the seventh largest producer of wheat and fifth largest producer of corn in the world.

Russia has mined Ukraine's Black Sea ports, making it virtually impossible to export grain, corn, and other food. Approximately 30 million tons of grain are stuck in Ukrainian ports as a result of the Russian blockade—nearly \$15 billion of grain.

As a result, food prices have soared, and the world is on the brink of a food crisis that could lead to mass unrest and instability across the globe. The United Nations World Food Program has warned that 400 million people may be at risk of starvation. Russia has used hunger as a weapon of war before.

In the 1930s, Stalin intentionally caused a famine in Ukraine, eventually killing 3.9 million Ukrainians in what is now known as the Holodomor.

We must take steps to end the blockade and mitigate these food shortages if we want to prevent a massive crisis. NATO must commit to reopening the Black Sea so Ukraine can fill its vital role as the breadbasket of Europe.

REMEMBERING THE SHOOTING AT SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. WEBER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, May 18 marks the fourth year since the shooting at Santa Fe High School. I remember it like it was yesterday.

The next day, I drove straight to the school to lend support and comfort to the families, and to try to understand how could this have happened? Later, I met with 9 of the 10 families at funerals. Days later, I met with President Trump and all the families. Weeks later, we were invited to see the rooms in the building that the horrific event took place in. Man, it was difficult.

Rooms had been cleaned, but you could still see the bullet holes in the walls. It was heartbreaking. There were very few dry eyes there. Going forward, we must redouble our efforts to provide safe places of education for our children, their families, and all Americans.

Values must be taught again. Hatred and violence have no place in our neighborhoods. It must not be tolerated, and we must all be vigilant to recognize it and call it out loud, early, and often.

Madam Speaker, Santa Fe citizens are strong and resilient. We are in the

healing process, and we will pray and work toward that end that all Americans never have to experience what Santa Fe did on that day.

HONORING MOTHER PEARL YOUNG

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I uplift Mother Pearl Young, 77, who was killed by a white supremacist while grocery shopping in her Buffalo community.

Please look at Mother Pearl, look at the other loved ones who were murdered. For 25 years, Mother Pearl ran a pantry where she fed people in Central Park. She loved singing, dancing, and being with her family.

It is incredibly heartbreaking, and honestly, just sick that Black folks in our country can't even grocery shop or go to church or march against police brutality without being targeted by white supremacists.

White supremacy gets a pass in our country, and I have had enough of it. Prayers are not enough. We don't need new laws exactly in regard to white supremacy. We need the will and courage to take on white supremacy as the threat it is within our country. The resources are there, but the courage is lacking.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues, let's do more in making sure that we push for that courage to face, again, this threat that we have in our country that is incredibly deadly.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF IRA DUNSWORTH

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of longtime Central High School teacher, track coach, mentor, and pioneer, Ira Dunsworth.

Ira's accomplishments include 15 State championships, he was named Iowa State Coach of the Year four times, and he is a member of the Iowa Track Coaches Hall of Fame. Following his retirement from Central, he was inducted into the Iowa Track Officials Hall of Fame.

It is fitting that the track atavenport's Brady Street Stadium, home of the Ira Dunsworth Invitation Meet, be named after him. I can think of no better man to receive such an honor to memorialize the legacy that Ira Dunsworth left.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to wish a joyous congratulations to Lily Dumas and Alana Kruse on their graduation. Congratulations.

TAX BENEFITS TO HELP PAY FOR HEALTH COVERAGE FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House